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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

### BRAZIL.

*Reports from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever in certain cities—Recrudescence of yellow fever at Rio de Janeiro.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, April 24 and 30:

Week ended April 21, 1907. Vessels inspected and received bills of health: On the 16th instant the British steamship *Conway*, for Pensacola, Fla., in water ballast, no passengers and no change in the ship's personnel; on the 17th instant the Belgian steamship *Camoens*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, 1 new member of the crew signed on here, 2 first-class and 92 steerage passengers (the latter from the River Plate); on the 18th instant the British steamship *Rosebank*, for Philadelphia, with manganese ore, no passengers and with no change in the personnel of the vessel.

Total deaths during the week ended April 21, 1907, 233. Yellow fever, 2 deaths with 3 new cases reported; bubonic plague, 1 new reported case, no deaths; variola, 1 new reported case and 3 deaths. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião, 3 cases of yellow fever, 3 cases of variola, 4 cases of plague, and 16 cases of suspicious illness.

*Slight outbreak of yellow fever.*—Up to February 24, there had been 2 cases and 1 death from yellow fever in this city. Since then, by weeks, the record has been as follows:

Week ended—	Cases.	Deaths.
March 3, 1907.....	2	2
March 10, 1907.....	1	1
March 17, 1907.....	0	0
March 24, 1907.....	4	4
March 31, 1907.....	0	0
April 7, 1907.....	5	4
April 14, 1907.....	6	5
April 24, 1907.....	3	2
Total.....	21	18

Or, by months, the totals are as follows: For the month of March, 1907, 7 cases and 7 deaths, and for the month of April up to the 24th instant, 14 cases and 11 deaths. In both instances the mortality rate was very high. This recrudescence of yellow fever has been confined, with the exception of 2 cases, to one portion of the city, and is at a considerable distance from the business section. The center of the

focus is in the Tijuca district and at an elevation of about 250 feet above sea level. The work of suppression of the outbreak is being carried on by the health department.

*Change in the published city population.*—The census of 1906, giving the population as 811,265, is officially considered incorrect, and an estimate of 628,675 is now made. This is a very great difference, and means a very much higher death rate. These last figures are for the city alone, not for the federal district, as were the figures previously given.

Week ended April, 28, 1907. Vessels inspected and received bills of health: On the 23d instant the Norwegian bark *Manzu*, for Pensacola, Fla., in stone ballast, no passengers, and with one new member of the crew taken on while in this port; on the 27th instant the British steamship *Bellauna*, for New Orleans, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with one new member of the crew signed on while in port; and on the 28th instant the Norwegian steamship *Rauma* (chartered ship of the Lloyd Brazilian Line), for New York, in coffee cargo, with one new member of the crew signed on here, and with no passengers. The one new member of crew signed on here replaced the loss of the captain of this vessel, who died here on the 20th instant.

*Mortality, Bahia.*—Month of November, 1906. Total deaths, 395. Bubonic plague, 8 deaths. Month of December, 1906. Total deaths, 430. Bubonic plague, 12 deaths. Population, estimated, 265,000. Births during November, 232; during December, 213.

During year 1906. Total deaths, 4,817. Bubonic plague, 95; variola, 15.

*Rio de Janeiro.*—Week ended April 28, 1907. Total deaths, 243. Yellow fever, 3 new cases reported with 2 deaths; bubonic plague, 3 new cases reported with 1 death; variola, 2 new cases reported with no deaths from this cause. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião, 1 case of yellow fever, 5 cases of variola, 2 cases of plague, and 16 cases of suspicious illness.

#### BRITISH HONDURAS.

##### *Report from Belize, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Robertson reports as follows: Week ended May 16, 1907. Present officially estimated population, 8,500; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
1907.					
May 10	H. T. Inge.....	New Orleans .....	32	10	13
15	Venus.....	New Orleans via Central American ports.	27	0	11

Number of aliens sailing for United States from this port during the week, 7.